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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1700 HAND CARRY

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Fumio ABE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1764

Serial No.: 08/857,585

Examiner: Nadine Preisch

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For: HEATER AND CATALYTIC CONVERTER

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Final Rejection mailed May 13, 1998, please undertake the following changes:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1, line 3, insert --atomic-- before "ratio."

Claim 4, line 2, insert --atomic-- before "ratio."

## REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 11, and 13 were rejected under the second paragraph of 35 USC 112 as allegedly indefinite in the identification of the Si/Al ratio. The Examiner stated that the units of the ratio were not defined. The ratio is the atomic ratio as shown in Table 1 at page 22 of the specification and as pointed